

The Washington Post

For and about WOMEN

B4

TUESDAY, MAY 10, 1960

As a Result of Spy Plane, Gov. Meyner Says

Summit Prestige Loss 'Formidable'

By Maxine Cheshire

THE UNITED STATES has suffered a formidable loss of prestige on the eve of the Summit Conference by violating the territorial integrity of the Soviet Union and then lying about it, New Jersey's Governor Robert B. Meyner said in an address to the 1960 Campaign Conference for Democratic Women last night.

The Governor was one of six principal speakers at the Conference dinner, which ended a full day of workshops, panel discussions and speeches for the earnest Party workers from 50 States and the District of Columbia.

"Peace" is the key word in Democratic plans for the coming presidential campaign, as indicated by the roster of dinner speakers.

As Governor Meyner expressed it, "the paramount issue of this campaign is peace" and yet "It almost seems as if we (under the present Administration) have gone out of our way to undermine our cause, to force the nations of the

world to question critically our motives and our aims."

Charging that events of the past week dramatically emphasized a lack of planning and coordination that has been characteristic of the Administration's conduct of international affairs, Governor Meyner declared that:

- There has been no planning at all for the Summit Conference which begins next Monday.

- The U. S. rejected "out of hand" the plan for full disarmament that Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev brought with him to this country last year, instead of challenging him to negotiate it.

- The U. S. "never did get around to planning" for the 10-nation disarmament conference last March 15.

- Just when there appeared to be progress in negotiations on banning nuclear tests, the Administration Saturday afternoon announced its intention to resume underground nuclear explosions.

Gov. Meyer was the only

one of the six dinner speakers to discuss the U. S. spy plane. However, at a personal press conference before the dinner, Michigan's Gov. G. Mennen (Soapy) Williams said he considers it "rather alarming" that the decision to send the plane over Russia was made without consulting President Eisenhower. Williams praised Secretary of State Christian A. Herter for "telling the truth" about the plane.

In his talk at the dinner, Williams proposed a National Peace Agency and a Food for Peace plan.

Joining in the attack on the present Administration, Williams continued: "We need leadership where we have had status quo; we need programs where we have had pronouncements; we need direction where we have had drift; we need statesmanship where we have had brinkmanship."

The one announced candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination among the dinner speakers,

Sen. Stuart Symington of Missouri—the other two candidates, Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey and Sen. John F. Kennedy, will be luncheon speakers today—agreed that "the gravest problem which confronts this Nation today is how to achieve a lasting peace by means of world-wide disarmament" and urged "... let's tell the people the truth about our relative position in the world and the long hard road that lies ahead."

Candidate Symington was also concerned about Party matters, specifically "the seeds of disunity that are being sown in some of these pre-convention primaries. It saddens me ... to read where good Democrats question the patriotism, or personal integrity of other good Democrats."

Referring to the State primaries as "popularity contests," Symington declared that the choice of a Democratic candidate will not be determined in West Virginia "any more than it was determined in Wisconsin. All 50 States must have a voice in the selection. The place to pick our nominees is the national convention. I, for one, am willing to en-

(cont)